

CLAIMS

1. In a computer system including a plurality of nodes accessing common data in a data storage
5 system, wherein each one of said nodes maintains archived redo logs in local files for that node,
a method of backing up said common data from any one of said nodes, comprising:
 selecting a node for performing a backup operation;
 setting said archived redo logs in local files on each of said nodes to be read and write
accessible to at least said selected backup node;
10 informing said selected backup node of the names of said archived redo logs; and
 on said selected backup node, running a backup utility which backs up said common data
and said archived redo logs for said computer system.
2. The method of claim 1 further including setting said archived redo logs in local files on each
15 of said nodes to be read and write accessible across all of said nodes.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein said archived redo logs in local files on each of said nodes are
set to be read and write accessible through mounting with a network file system (NFS), using the
same name each of said nodes.
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4. The method of claim 1 wherein said archived redo logs are created with names which allows a
backup or recover utility to identify which node an archived redo log belongs.
5. The method of claim 1 further including:
25 before said step of running a backup utility which backs up said common data and said
archived redo logs for said computer system, shutting down access to said common data.
6. The method of claim 5 wherein said backup utility allows for user-supplied scripts for
shutting down access to said common data.